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**RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 13, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 13, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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